

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## WATERMELON MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, watermelons are enjoyed by millions of consumers every day, and the North Carolina watermelon industry generated an estimated \$12.4 million in farm income according to the 2007 Agricultural Statistics from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, there were over 155.4 million pounds of watermelons, grown on approximately 7,400 acres according to the 2007 Agricultural Statistics from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, the watermelon industry is of great importance to the economy of North Carolina with our state ranking eighth in the Nation in production of watermelons according to the 2007 Agricultural Statistics from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, the watermelon industry is yet another part of the total diversification of agriculture in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the industry also provides employment for many of our State's citizens and provides supplemental income for a number of rural families who farm on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, watermelons provide Tar Heels and other consumers a most versatile and nutritious commodity that is truly a symbol of goodness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 2008, as "WATERMELON MONTH" in North Carolina and urge our citizens to support the industry.



*Michael F. Easley*  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the hundred and thirty-second.